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Who Is the Man?

Dr. H. Homer Hayes, Honolulu physician, has been indicted by the territorial grand jury and arrested on the charge of performing a criminal operation. The woman upon whom the operation has been performed is known to the authorities, and her name appears in the indictment.

But the name of the man who is her guilty partner; the man responsible for the condition in which she sought surgical relief to hide her shame; the man whose attentions and blandishments brought her to this deeply sad condition—the name of this man is not given. There so far appears to have been insufficient to bring out this name in all its guilty responsibility.

Who is he?

Where is he?

Hints and rumors as to his identity are not lacking. But they are not enough to place him in his deserved position of shame at least equal to that of the woman who yielded to his caresses and responded to his philandering.

Is the woman, in the course of developments that must inevitably bring her identity before the public, to suffer alone, while the man hides behind anonymity? Is she to bear the full brunt of society's stigma while he screens himself in the smug satisfaction of the "double standard"? Is he to continue his supposedly respectable way in this city, claiming the esteem of his fellow-men, while the poor girl who strayed from rectitude is paying the penalty of exposure through the prosecution of the physician performing the operation?

Who is the man?

Who is the guilty individual — he who is not less to be blamed than the weaker woman?

Is he to go unwhipped of law and unpunished by social justice?

Unmask him!

Revise Your Rules on Giving

Many a Honolulu is giving generously with this thought in mind: "All rules are revised in a year of war. The present time is the most exacting of my generation. Never again will I be called upon to give for great public needs as I am called upon to give today. For we shall win this war by the combined giving of just such as I—those who are ready to give every cent they can spare, and who will save every cent from unnecessary expenses. Therefore, in such a year, I shall not reckon on the usual basis. I shall not regret the new calls, these calls whose numbers grow daily. I see in them opportunity to help my community, my country, and the countries banded together to save the humanity of the world."

With this thought in mind, Hawaii is just at the beginning of a year and perhaps several years of constant demands.

With this thought in mind, we can raise \$45,000 for the Y. W. C. A. and regard our giving not as finished, but as well begun. The Associated Charities has a worthy, an impressive appeal which is of particular local interest. The list might be multiplied. Suffice it to say that Honoluluans may give without regret to any project which has had the full investigation and indorsement of the Chamber of Commerce.

PENNIES, NICKELS AND DIMES.

(From Daily Financial America)

The Red Cross, in appealing for funds, should strike a popular chord with its penny-a-day, nickel-a-day, dime-a-day movement. The good-natured American thinks little if any of these coins and yet he has but to look at the industries dependent on their gathering and he would see the enormous buying power they possess. The newspapers practically live on the pennies, the street railways on the nickels and the movies on the dimes. In New York alone one day's receipts of these three utilities would exceed a quarter of a million dollars. If the Red Cross could duplicate this total, one month's collections would ease the burden the society bears very appreciably. Everybody can certainly spare one of these three coins daily. Don't wait to be asked for them, send them along, they all help to make the needed millions.

It will not do to be supremely confident that the Austro-Germans have been stopped on the Pave front. Germany is making a tremendous effort to cut deep into Italy and secure a basis for winter peace propaganda. It is obviously part of Berlin's political strategy to separate Italy from the Allies as Russia and Rumania are being separated. Germany would willingly sacrifice a million men to start a real separate peace movement in Italy. Therefore the lull of a day or two in the fighting does not signify that the enemy's great drive is stopped permanently. However, British and French troops—the kind that have been holding the Germans on the west for a year and a half without a mile of gain—are now reinforcing the Italians, and any further advances of the troops under Mackensen will cost the enemy even more dearly than the advances already made.

The proprietor of a cafe in a western city of the United States, recognizing the value of two things, namely, a good impression and intelligent publicity, causes a cowbell to be rung in his establishment, loudly enough to be heard in all parts of it, whenever a glass of milk is ordered. The scheme is proving a great success. Even the seasoned restaurant patron can be affected by a little touch of nature, combined with a touch of realism, now and then.—Christian Science Monitor

Root Out the Plotters

U. S. District Attorney Huber was quoted this morning as saying of the Grasshof exposures:

"F. W. Klebahn, head of Hackfeld's shipping department, was not, in my opinion, involved in the conspiracy here to such an extent as would warrant the federal grand jury conducting an investigation," said Huber. "From the extracts of Grasshof's diary published in the papers, Klebahn did not figure very prominently," he added, "and I think it is hardly likely that the department of justice will order an inquiry in his connection."

The Star-Bulletin has no quarrel with Mr. Huber's office nor wish to criticize its conduct of affairs within its jurisdiction. But the Star-Bulletin does say emphatically that public opinion demands, and assurance of public safety justifies, such steps by the proper officials as will drive into the open every German and German sympathizer mixed up in these plots.

Public opinion demands, and assurance of public safety justifies, that revelations like those in the Grasshof diary be followed immediately by such action as will determine whether these intrigues can be carried on in Honolulu with utter insolence and apparent impunity.

Public opinion demands and assurance of public safety justifies that Germanism of the base and insidious type bared in the published Grasshof diary be rooted out of Hawaii now and forever.

This paper does not presume to say that Washington is not acting, perhaps through the naval intelligence office, to punish intriguers according to their deserts. It does say that there is no evidence that the federal court officials are acting or preparing to act upon the Grasshof disclosures. We do not know whether or not they should act. That is the trouble—we do not know.

But the whole community is saying that when Honolulu for many months was made the base for spy operations and plot activities, we want to know, and we have a right to know, whether every man in any position concerned in the upholding of law and order is now on the job.

This includes not only federal officials, but territorial officials and municipal officials. Every man from the policeman on the beat to the judge in his court must be alert every minute of the day and a large part of the night, vigilant against the plotters whose work never stops until they are stopped!

The situation in Honolulu is coming to the point where citizens are not far from uniting in a demand to Washington that drastic measures be taken to stamp out the evil Germanism which flourished under such men as Grasshof and his cultured associates.

There is nothing new about the waste of perfectly good food at the "dumps." What is new is the intense public indignation about the matter, and that, let us hope, will be enduring. One of the recognized methods of keeping up prices is for speculators to buy perishable products—apples, vegetables, grapes, berries, or what not—at the place where they are grown, and leave them there to rot. Perhaps a hundred miles away, there was bitter need for these foods, but that made no difference. They were kept off the market, the price of similar foods in the market was thereby raised, the speculators who practised this rascality were thereby enriched—and the general public paid no heed. That last item is the nub of the whole business. If the American people make up their minds that food shall not be wasted and thrown away to increase the wealth of parasitic profiteers, they will find some way to enforce their will.—Chicago Journal.

"German All Ready For Peace Back In September," says a headline. Germany has been all ready for peace since the conquest of Poland, but the Allies aren't ready and won't be ready until Germany is hiked and is yelling quits. It would be the height of folly to declare peace now, with the German armies in half a dozen countries and the German navy virtually intact—with the German arrogance and cruelty unbroken. The Allies cannot get out now. They must fight and their leaders know it. Wilson knows it and has just given the world a splendid statement from his knowledge. A little diary is a dangerous thing.

The creation of the Allied War Council announced in a Paris despatch is a triumph for Lloyd George. It adds to the prestige of his premiership with the achievement of a great practical move. It also silences very effectively his critics, particularly those of London. Also, it should be a material satisfaction to the United States, for we shall have a strong representation on the council and can claim every assurance not only that the military and naval forces be intelligently disposed, but that every ally shall put forth its maximum of effort at the direction of all.

Railroad brotherhoods are reported to be opposed to government control of the big lines. No wonder. They know if Uncle Sam has the roads there won't be any chance for the large wage raises they now demand, and that they can't bluster and bluff your Uncle Sam in wartime. Per contra, as the lawyers and other educated men say, the roads realize that unless Uncle Sam does take hold, they are likely to be harassed by the brotherhoods every time the unionist feels the pinch of war-economy.

The government's crop report contains this item: "Three billion bushels of corn in prospect." That must sound good "over there."

The parents' vacation ended yesterday—no school until after the holidays.

Australian Water Snake Discovered at Kahuku

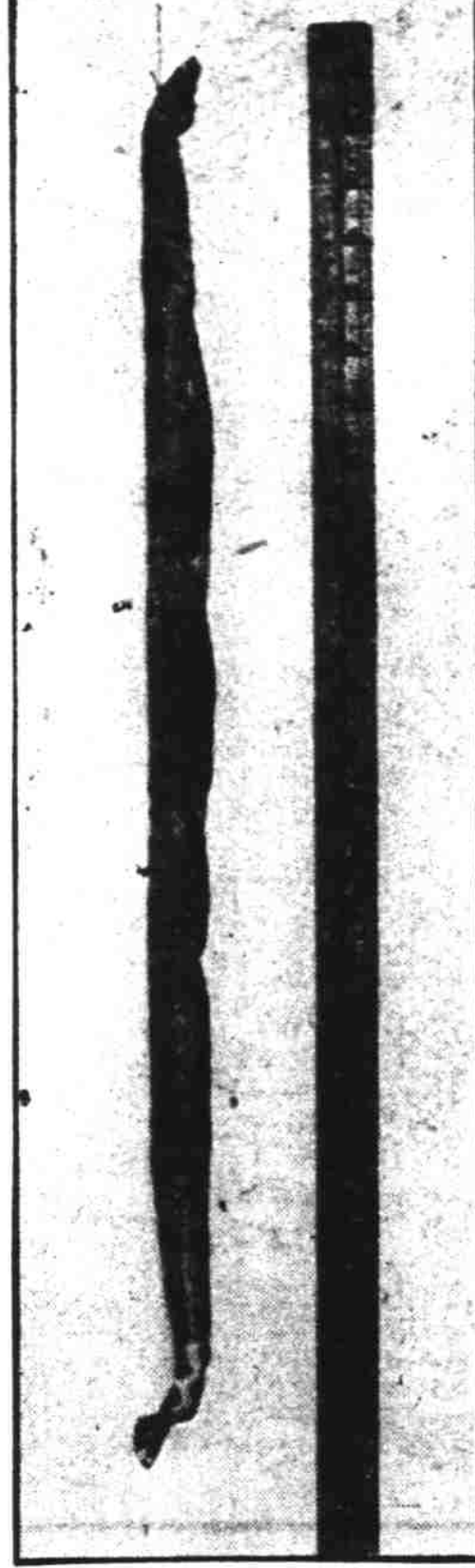
A real live snake was captured on Oahu yesterday. That it is not a figment of the imagination the above photograph, taken at the Star-Bulletin office this morning, proves.

The reptile was classed as an Australian water snake of the non-poisonous variety, by W. J. Thompson, artist and modeler at the Bishop Museum who is an expert on snakes. It is the fifth one of this species discovered here within the last few years. How it came here is a mystery, but Mr. Thompson's theory is that it came over on a steamer and got loose, as snake journeys of 3000 miles are improbable.

The capture was made near the Marconi station at Kahuku yesterday by August Freitas, an engineer for the Oahu railway, who saw it wriggling through sand and grass near the beach.

The snake is 27 inches in length and 1½ inches high. It differs from the ordinary reptile in appearance and form, being rather perpendicularly oval than round. Its belly and tail indicate that it is more at home in the water than on land. The back and sides are slate colored and the tail mottled.

Mr. Thompson took the snake to the museum to despatch it and then preserve it.



Australian sea snake captured yesterday at Kahuku. Photo by Star-Bulletin photographer.

HALIFAX FELT WAR'S HORRORS BEFORE BLAST

Letter From Woman Tells of Precautions Against U-Boats, Homecoming of Wounded

That Halifax, N. S., had its full share of war glooms prior to the fearful disaster of December 6 is shown in a letter written by a lady residing in Dartmouth, a city directly across Halifax harbor from the provincial capital, a few days before the catastrophe. The writer paid an extended visit to relatives here a few years ago.

Written to a niece here, the letter tells of darkened streets and buildings due to fear of a submarine, or possibly seaplane, raid. It speaks of the harbor as being crowded with ships carrying away troops and munitions and others arriving with wounded from the battle fronts. Some of the wounded are minus both arms and legs, so that they have to be carried ashore in baskets. A son of the writer is mentioned as being constantly busy treating the disabled heroes at the war hospital established on the grounds of the insane asylum, of which he is the medical superintendent.

Mention is made of a heavy death toll among the large number of the correspondent's young fellow-townsmen at the front. A relative of her own is named who is fighting in the trenches. She states her intention of visiting, within a few days, the sister of a nephew's wife here, whose home is at Willow Grove where the despatches have said the results of the explosion were particularly bad.

An agonizing experience regarding the horrors of war as they appeared to the writer appears in the letter, but she could not possibly have dreamed of the awful cataclysm impending over the community in which she was born.

WIFE SUES J. ALLEN DUNN FOR DIVORCE

SAN FRANCISCO.—Mrs. Grace K. Dunn of this city yesterday filed suit for divorce against J. Allan Dunn, short story writer, alleging desertion. Dunn removed to New York City in January, 1914. Mrs. Dunn remained here. She alleges desertion in that month. The couple were married in Honolulu in December, 1900.—Examiner.



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PERSONALITIES

CHRISTY MacCLOUD, member of the government educational service, is in Honolulu for several days, en route to Manila, where he will have charge of the schools in the suburban districts of that city. MacCloud, who was formerly of Swarthmore college, has done extensive research work in the southwest and Central America.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

C. J. MCCARTHY: It was an interesting tale that Capt. Grasshof wove into that personal diary. I read every line of last night's story.

RALPH S. JOHNSTONE: The Grasshof diary certainly contained some revelations that should make every individual more watchful.

Pressure has been brought to bear on Slovak leaders to denounce the Czech declaration in the Reichstrat May 30 in favor of the union of all Czech and Slovaks in an independent state. All these magyar efforts have failed.

FRED G. KIRCHHOFF, superintendent of waterworks: You might remind the citizens that the water works department expect a little Christmas present from water users in the way of paying up their bills this month.

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